

OCTAVIUS COKE,

Secretary of State.

This gentleman is a true North Carolinian, and his associations have been such as to render him well known; so in brief we give the following facts: He is now 52 years of age, was a valiant soldier in the Army of Northern Virginia, where he served his country for four years. He tells us that he is a lawyer by profession and a farmer by practice. He was elected to the State Senate from the First District, where he served in 1876-77, and in 1880 and 1882. Was Chairman of the State Democratic Committee. On the 4th of April, 1891, on the death of Colonel W. L. Saunders, was appointed by Governor Fowle as Secretary of the State, and on the 18th of May, 1892, was unanimously nominated as his own successor, and elected by forty thousand plurality.

SAMUEL MCDOWELL TATE,

State Treasurer.

Born in Morganton, September 6, 1830. Educated at private schools in North Carolina and Pennsylvania. Appointed Captain of Company D, 6th Regiment, Regular Troops, May 20, 1861. Promoted Major at "Seven Pines," May, 1862. Promoted Lieutenant-Colonel at Gettysburg, July 2, 1863; commanded 6th Regiment to the close of the war. Wounded at Sharpsburg, September, 1862; at Rappahannock Bridge, November, 1863; at "Cedar Creek," October, 1864, and at Petersburg, March 25, 1865.

Elected President of the Western North Carolina Railroad June, 1865, and remained a director of the road for private stockholders till its sale. Was removed from its presidency by Provisional Governor Holden in August, 1865. Again elected President by Worth Board in August, 1866, and again removed by Holden's "Reconstruction" Board in 1868. After sale of road in 1875, was elected private stockholders' commissioner to organize the system and work the convict force on the road, as authorized by act of March, 1875, of which, as a member of that Legislature, he was the author. Was a member of the House from Burke three terms. Delegate to every Democratic National Convention from 1860, save and except the "Greeley" Convention.

During Cleveland's administration he was appointed National Bank Inspector, which position he held until November 19, 1892, when he was appointed by Governor Holt to succeed Donald W. Bain, as State Treasurer, which term expires at the next general election in November, 1894. Colonel Tate is a Democrat of the true Jeffersonian type, and an excellent financier.